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SUBJ: SPURIOUS RUMORS ABOUT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON

PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL

REF: LISBON 271

1. ACCORDING TO FRENCH EXTERNAL BROADCASTING SERVICE, AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL ON EITHER JANUARY 9 OR 10. IN ADDITION TO THESE REPORTS, EMBASSY LISBON REPORTED (REFTEL) AN INTERVIEW WITH RUMO PRESIDZNT DOMINGOS AROUCA IN WHICH HE SAID "IT IS BELIEVED IN MOZAMBIQUE" THAT AN AGENT OF THE MOZAMBICAN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION POLICE, IN COLLABORATION WITH AN EAST GERMAN AGENT, CARRIED OUT THE ALLEGED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

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2. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THESE REPORTS. ALTHOUGH SECURITY PROTECTION AROUND MACHEL HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT TIGHTER SINCE LATE DECEMBER, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST MACHEL TOOK PLACE EARLIER THIS WEEK. IN PAST FIVE DAYS, MACHEL HAS FOLLOWED NORMAL SCHEDULE. OVER WEEKEND HE ATTENDED THE MEETING OF THE

FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS IN LUSAKA AND ON TUESDAY HE MET WITH
FINNISH AMBASSADOR MARTI AHTISSAR, WHO WAS RECENTLY NAMED
UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA. LATTER EVENT WAS GIVEN PROMINENT
FRONT PAGE COVERAGE, INCLUDING PHOTO OF MACHEL WITH AHTISSAR,
IN JANUARY 12 NOTICIAS. FURTHERMORE, LOCAL RUMOR MILL WHICH
PICK UP ANTI-MACHEL STORIES RAPIDLY HAS BEEN COMPLETELY
SILENT ON THIS ONE.
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